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Three New Stores

Three new stores are opening in the fast-growing business district on University Ave. in East Palo Alto. They are located in the new John Huss Bldg. at 1921-1923-1925 University Ave.

Officially opened this week are the Crescent Pharmacy, at 1923 University Ave., and the Community Hardware, at 1921 University Ave. The University Bakery, owned by Floyd L. Huffman and Vincent Sullivan, is scheduled to open in 10 days.

George Butler, owner of the pharmacy, has had 25 years experience as a pharmacist in hospitals, including the Dibble General Hospital, and in drug stores, among them a Palo Alto drug company for more than five years. He also was in the pharmacy business with his father in San Francisco for five years.

The owner of the hardware store is Frank Brashers. He worked with a Palo Alto department store as a clerk at Henry's Iron Works in Sunnyvale during the war.

Huss, owner of the just-completed building, is the father of Pierre Huss, famous International News Service foreign correspondent.

Manor Theater

Joseph J. Daly Friday became manager of the Manor Theater in South San Mateo. He replaces Quentin Lacy.

Daly, who formerly lived in San Carlos, has been manager of a theater in Sacramento for the past year. He now resides at 283 Margarita Ave., Palo Alto.

A Good Crop

San Mateo County is in the midst of harvesting what may be a bumper crop of agricultural products. Max Leonard said Monday, added that the county has been lucky in escaping any damage from the frost which has prevailed during the past week.

Leonard said that the conformation of the land throw up the cold currents of air and keep them away from the crops on the Coastside. Santa Cruz County has not been so fortunate, Leonard said, and the crop there has sustained considerable damage.

Nearly 2000 acres are under cultivation this year, Leonard reported, an increase of nearly 400 acres over the 1945-46 season. While average prices are somewhat lower, the per acre yield is expected to top the 110 boxes per acre last year.

This means, Leonard pointed out, that the growers probably would reap more than the \$783,063 that they received for their crops last year.

Cuts Off Electricity

When a teen-age youth fell asleep at the wheel of his automobile and crashed into a high tension electric power pole in San Bruno Monday morning he disrupted electric service to hundreds of homes west of El Camino Real, police reported.

The driver, Richard George Drolette, 19, of South San Francisco, was treated at South San Francisco Hospital for minor head and chest injuries.

The high tension line pole at Chapman Ave. and El Camino Real was sheared from its base and moved 14 feet by the impact. Live wires fell across the highway, temporarily blocking traffic.

Rockaway Blasting

A \$25,000 damage suit was filed in superior court Wednesday by residents of Rockaway Beach who claim that blasting operations by quarries have damaged their homes.

The residents also seek a permanent injunction forbidding the blasting near their properties.

The suit was filed by Mr. and Mrs. James Alex and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Guagliardo. Named as defendants are James Hill, Jack Lloyd, Rockaway Quarries Co., Ken Royce Quarries and the Ken Royce Co.

The properties are contiguous, the complaint states, and heavy blasting was carried on in November. The blast "produced great and violent concussions and vibrations of the earth and air," the complaint states.

The residents charge that the blasts damaged the foundations of the houses, the ceilings, walls, windows, bathroom tiles and floors. They also claim that because of the explosions they have been unable to sleep and that their health has been injured.

Meeting Date Changed

The organizational meeting of a permanent Menlo Park citizens committee to help the Presbyterian Church pay its \$12,577 assessment fee for the Santa Cruz Ave. Improvement Project has been moved to Jan. 17.

The provisional committee in a meeting Saturday afternoon decided that that date would be more favorable than Jan. 8, as previously announced.

Provisional Chmn. George Angus will preside at the meeting, which will take place at 3 p.m. in the Central School Library.

'Pinafore' Presented

The Palo Alto Community Center presented its production of the "Pinafore" at the Veterans' Administration Hospital Sunday evening. The Palo Alto musical workshop was active in the wards during the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kenney in four of the wards, while Dr. D. V. Hutton, Donald Blackner and Fred A. Enker, violinists, and Martin Kaufman, cellist, played for three other wards.

News of Commuters

BY JOE CABOSE

A commuter's Decalog of New Year resolutions:

1. To drive more carefully to and from the train or my place of business;
2. To buy my commute before the first day of the month;
3. Not to swing on or off moving trains or streetcars;
4. Not to smoke in cars and sections reserved for non-smokers;
5. To move forward in crowded conveyances so that others may ride;
6. To patronize the merchants of my home community;
7. To support all worthy community projects, and to give generously to my local Community Chest;
8. To take a lively and proper interest in city and county affairs to the end that good government may prevail;
9. To support vigorously Commuter group action in their No. 1 project for 1947—the elimination of dangerous grade crossings on the Peninsula;
10. To live in all things that the people of my home community will be proud to have me as a citizen and neighbor.

A Poem: "Headed for Third and Townsend on the Old 41" As the passengers crowded together in the home-going, overstuffed van.

I thrust my hand into my pocket And stood like a folded up fan. Then suddenly I was astonished, When nearing the end of the line, As another hand reached in my pocket.

And hastily grabbed hold of mine. "Get out of my pocket," I muttered.

As if I was a hornet or two: "If you don't I will call a policeman—Or tell the conductor on you!"

"Go ahead," said a man who was near me.

"With a cheerful and tolerant grin. For if you wish, you may call out the army."

For it's my pocket our hands are in!"

PEGGY MOSIER

It was on the same crowded streetcar that a father complimented his young son for his tidiness.

"By the way, what did you do with it?" asked the old man.

"I put it in your overcoat pocket," grinned Junior.

Speaking of the younger generation, 7-year-old Jimmy's skepticism about Santa Claus grew into positive disbelief Christmas morning.

When he discovered, after a bit of sleuthing, that a piece of fancy green Scotch tape on one of his gifts had been torn from a family roll which he had seen around.

It was torn through two Christmas bells, and the piece on his gift matched the end on the roll.

Never having quite recovered from the shock of finding there was no Santa Claus, Cabose struggled desperately to preserve the illusion. "Santa probably borrowed it as a matter of convenience," he wrote.

"But," said Jim, "if Santa Claus can get all over the world in one night and has every thing anybody wants or needs, why does he have to snitch Mother's Scotch tape to wrap up my roller skates?"

A full page advertisement in the current issue of a popular weekly magazine commemorates "The Birth of a Great American Industry," and points out "What the Alcohol Beverage Industry has contributed to the nation's economy in the 13 years since repeal." The ad is sponsored by the Licensed Beverage Industries, Inc.

Among the listed benefits are 20 billion dollars of public revenue collected as taxes levied on legal alcoholic beverages since repeal.

"These billions," says the ad, "have gone into federal, state and local treasuries for hospitals, education, veterans' care and other necessary public services."

It is interesting to note that the ad says nothing about the terrific increase since repeal in the number of divorces, broken homes, traffic deaths from drunk driving, crimes of violence, loss of weekends and the overcrowded state and private hospitals for the insane.

We are not blue-nosed or fanatic about liquor, but frankly we were affronted by the above-mentioned ad. Its crude attempt to whitewash the liquor industry did violence to our innate sense of justice and fair play. Even if it be admitted that our present handling of this difficult problem is less evil than the "noble experiment" there is still no justification for trying to canonize the traffic in demon rum. And we think we would feel the same way... even if we didn't have ulcers.

Apologies: Mrs. Ray Cereghino calls our attention to a local liquor store window in which the liquor is displayed alongside the mouth wash.

Commuters' next board of directors' meeting will be held at Miles McDonald's home, 462 Beresford Ave., Redwood City, Tues., Jan. 7, 8 p.m.

Next house committee meeting, Paul Allen's home, 1133 Eaton Ave., San Carlos, Thurs., Jan. 9, 8 p.m.

Next club dinner meeting, Aviation Cafe, Tues., Jan. 14, 8 p.m.

M. L. Brockway has been appointed to the board of directors, Peninsula Celebration Assn., replacing Bill Curran whose term expired.

Congratulations to John Ryan, handsome young duggist, on his election to the presidency of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce.

Acknowledgment to Bill McKeehan for his gracious remarks on our resumption of the column.

May it always be worthy of the space allotted.

A milestone to our brave new world: During the year just past the Government Printing Office used paper at the incredible rate of five hundred (500) tons daily.

Meanwhile the average American household had difficulty getting enough for the bare necessities.

SAN CARLOS FIRE CHIEF LYLE CLARK AND MRS. CLARK held "open house" New Year's Eve at their home on Cedar St. Assisting them in receiving their guests was their daughter, Bonnie.

Boy Scout News

Judging by responses already received, Scout Executive Edward A. Barrer predicted this week a capacity crowd will attend the annual meeting of the San Mateo County Boy Scout Council, scheduled for Friday at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Burlingame.

Council members, including troop and pack leaders and committee members, will gather to hear reports on the year's progress in scouting in the county.

Chief speaker will be C. J. Carlson, national representative and regional scout executive for nine western states and Hawaii, who will address the group on "The Challenge of Scouting to the Community." Carlson will make a special trip from Los Angeles to attend the meeting.

Other speakers will be chairman of the council standing committees, reporting on their year's work. Chairmen and the committees they head include E. J. Timmons, camp construction, new camps; Edwin Foss, organization and extension; John F. Linden, camping and activities; Thomas Reynolds, leadership training; Louis Demattis, health and safety; Louis Demattis, advancement; Chester Armstrong, finances; James V. Christie, commissioners' staff and Boy Scout program; Ian Campbell, cub scout program; Charles W. W. Bumeister, senior scout program. Chairmen of the three scout districts of the county will also review their work.

Chairman of the district, E. Morgan, northern district; J. M. Foley, central district; Chester Armstrong, southern district.

After the reports, elections will be held for council president, vice president and executive board members for 1947.

Southern district scout commissioners met Monday at the Redwood City scout office at the request of George Cook, new chief district commissioner, to discuss their program and plans for service to scout, cub and senior scout units during 1947.

The new commissioners and the units they will assist during the year include the following:

Cook, district commissioner-in-chief, will be assisted by Commissioner, Norman S. Naughton, senior scout commissioner, Mrs. Will Rogers, den mother commissioner, Louis W. Allen, in charge of Troops 182, 182 and Packs 43 and 62; Edwin Foss, E. Bolz, Troops 153, 151, 151; Alvin C. Brown, Packs 52, 53, 54, 51; James S. Butler, Troops 154, 161 and Air Squadron Two; Hamilton Day, Troops 12, 13 and Packs 10, 15; Milton A. Gooding, Troops 120, 122, Pack 22; W. E. Jackson, Packs 52, 53, 54, 61; S. E. Marcus, Troops 108, 159, Packs 40 and 49; Walter Shert, Troop 100, Pack 16; Walter Sjostrom, Troops 103, 107, 103, Packs 3, 33, 4; W. P. Stevens, Troops 105, 149, Pack 49.

Johnson Moved

Hilbert LeRoy Johnson, 25-year-old San Francisco Negro involved in the attempted burglary of the Carlos Food Market on El Camino Real Drive, was held in the county jail on route to San Carlos Tuesday afternoon, according to Chief Det. Sheriff Walter Moore.

Moore said Johnson was removed from Community Hospital where he has been confined for bullet wounds, pneumonia, and all the while of an attempted flight from San Carlos police.

Johnson, killed with a car on Bayshore Hwy., killed the driver, Grant White, 21-year-old Redwood City veteran.

Already held here and in San Francisco, are two confederates in the attempted burglary named by Johnson. They are Albert Bundy, in San Francisco City prison on a gun law violation and Roy Hamilton of Redwood City, held here on the burglary charge.

Wed in Las Vegas

The marriage of Henry Bents and Mrs. Lynette Hagle, both of Redwood City, took place New Year's Eve at Las Vegas, Nev.

The couple were unattended and left after the ceremony for a trip to Boulder City and Los Angeles.

For her wedding the bride chose a suit of solid blue to which she pinned a white orchid corsage.

The couple returned to the Peninsula Saturday and will make their home in Menlo Park. Mr. Bents is an executive of the Redwood City office of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

The Phone Rates

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. is "actively engaged" in an effort to secure higher telephone rates for 1947, according to a stockholders' report from Pres. N. R. Powley made public Wednesday by E. C. Kraus, local telephone company manager.

Powley declared that an increase in telephone rates is being considered as a means of balancing revenue with increased costs occasioned by bigger payrolls and a statewide building program.

The company will have to secure approval of the state utilities commission before it can raise rates.

The report pointed out that the company has expended \$120,000,000 in 1946 in gross plant additions, and plans to spend some \$200,000,000 in 1947 for building and improvements.

As a part of a fund-raising program a \$75,000,000 bond issue was put on the market in October and an issue of 328,125 additional shares of common stock will be made in the near future.

Witness Tells Direction

It has been clearly established that Michael J. Lee and Katharine Murray, both of San Francisco, were walking across El Camino Real from west to east when they were killed Dec. 22 at the Atherton Ave. intersection in Atherton.

Police Chief Ed Ferrell of Atherton said Monday.

Previously authorities weren't sure whether or not the pedestrians actually had been crossing the highway, or whether they had been walking on a sidewalk when they were killed.

Established previously, however, that the light was green for traffic on the highway.

Additional information was supplied by a witness who came forward after reading an article published in the Palo Alto Times and Redwood City Tribune saying that Chief Ferrell was trying to contact witnesses.

The pedestrians were struck by a car driven by Ralph E. Birdsell of Palo Alto. Birdsell was arrested on a technical charge of manslaughter in the accident and was released on his own recognizance.

Reward Grows

The John T. Walker Reward Fund, of which the Tribune is trustee, today stood at \$87.03, in addition to rewards offered from other sources for apprehension of the Walker home assassins.

The Tribune acknowledges receipt of the following contributions:

Palo Alto Chapter, AVC \$10.00

Peninsula Chapter, B'nai B'rith 10.00

S.F. Junior College Chapter, AVC 10.00

S.F. State College Chapter, AVC 20.00

Previously acknowledged 503.55

Housing Resolution

The Atherton City Council has requested the wartime emergency resolution allowing servicemen to rent rooms, guest houses or servants' quarters in Atherton or to board at homes there.

An article was taken in view of President Truman's statement that he proclaimed an end of hostilities that an emergency still exists.

Councilmen voted to continue the emergency resolution in effect until the council feels that the emergency is over.

Revocation of the resolution was to have taken effect by Mar. 1, 1947. Originally, the resolution was passed during the war to aid servicemen stationed at Dibble General Hospital and in the Atherton vicinity.

Postmaster Passes On

Francis P. O'Brien, postmaster of Belmont since 1940, died Sunday morning at Oak Knoll Hospital, Oakland, after a three-day confinement. He was 61.

O'Brien was a World War I veteran and a member of the Belmont post, American Legion. He was a native Californian, as were his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Brien of Belmont.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Claire K. O'Brien, and a son, Eugene E. O'Brien, both of 889 Holly Rd., Belmont; a brother, J. Paul O'Brien of Burlingame, and two sisters, Mrs. Christine Goshine and Mrs. James P. Halloran, both of San Francisco.

William Jaeger

William Jaeger, a retired Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. employee, died Wednesday in Belmont at the age of 80.

Mr. Jaeger had been living in Belmont at Cypress and Newland Sts. for the past seven months. His wife, Frances Jaeger, died earlier this year. He was a native of New York.

Funeral services will be held at the Laying & Timey Funeral Home at a time to be announced later. Interment will be in the Healdsburg Cemetery.

To Address Hadassah

The Peninsula Chapter of Hadassah will meet next Monday, Jan. 13, at the Burlingame Woman's Club, 217 Park Rd., for luncheon.

Following a short business meeting, Miss Edith Simon, of San Francisco, will be introduced by Mrs. Robert Klein, chairman of education. Miss Simon served as special interpreter to Justice Jackson at the Nuremberg trials and because of her work as a researchist was permitted to visit the displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria. She is a graduate of the University of California and now but 21 years of age. Her subject will be "Political Affairs."

On Monday, Jan. 20, Mrs. Robert Klein will review that controversial book "Thieves in the Night" by Arthur Koestler, which involves the political struggle and life in Palestine.

The Central Pacific Coast Regional Conference will meet at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on Feb. 28, 27 and 28 when Peninsula Chapter of Hadassah will be the host club.

Two Odd Accidents

Heat and cold were the cause of two accidents Monday resulting in minor injuries.

Dr. Benedict G. Glasa, 31, of Half Moon Bay, escaped with bruises when his car skidded on a curve of Skyline Blvd. west of Belmont, plunged off the road and sideswiped a tree.

Highway patrolmen blamed a thin skim of ice on the road as the cause of the accidents.

Mrs. Audrey Thomas, 30, of 344 Fairfax Ave., San Mateo, was treated at Alemany Emergency Hospital for a bump on the head.

She was injured when the car driven by her husband, Vernon A. Thomas, 34, a Redwood City truck driver, plunged into a bank on Hillsdale Blvd. about a mile south of Market St. in Colma, Monday night.

Thomas told highway patrol officers that a dropped cigar had set fire to a laprobe and he was trying to put the fire out and the car ran off the road. Mrs. Thomas bumped her head on the windshield.

Musical Workshop

Miss Alice Joy, chairman of music in hospitals for the California Federation of Music Clubs, will be in Redwood City every Thursday and Friday in January for the purpose of organizing a Redwood City Musical Workshop.

The musical workshop is made up of volunteer musicians, who are desiring to give time and talent to playing in the wards and recreation halls in hospitals. While the workshop is a federation project, it is not composed of members only and is open to all, said Miss Joy, today.

For a period of two years, Mrs. Alta Brown Chittenden and members of the Redwood City Harmony Club have been making regular visits to the hospital, working as a part of the Palo Alto workshop. But Tuesday, Lois and Betty Bean, guitar and vocalists, and Netty Delores Schembri, pianists, will make the first visit to the hospital under the newly organized Redwood City group.

Anyone interested may reach Miss Joy at the home of Mrs. H. F. Coykendall, 831 Whipple St., telephone 1837.

A Bad Fire

A fire destroyed two cars and damaged the garage on the estate of B. H. Lueders at 2920 Canyon Rd., Burlingame Hills, Saturday evening.

Damage in the fire was estimated by county firemen at \$5000. Cause of the fire was unknown.

The fire started shortly before 7:40 p.m. when H. V. Faulkner of Mill Valley, Lueders' father-in-law, noticed smoke while he and family were eating dinner.

Three trucks from the county fire station at Redwood City answered the alarm. Firemen fought the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control. The wall of the garage were damaged, but living quarters in the rear escaped damage.

The garage was not attached to the main house, which was not endangered. The Lueders are vacationing in Florida.

Grocery Store

The opening of their grocery store beyond Redwood City Thursday will mean more than just a start in business for Howard Dick and his wife Dorotha.

Dick, a former lieutenant in the navy and veteran of the South Pacific, built the store building himself, aided by George N. Zehnder, his father-in-law. The store will be called The Shopping Bag and is located at 2397 Spring St.

Barrer today told of requirements for the trip to the International Scout Jamboree to be held in France next year.

Scouts from all over the world will meet near Paris at Moisson, France, next Aug. 9-21 for the jamboree since the start of the war.

"To be eligible to go," Barrer explained, "scouts must be at least 14 years old and not older than 17½ at the time of the jamboree. They must be first class scouts, with minimum of a full year's scouting behind them and camping experience equal to the requirements for the camping and cooking merit badges."

Barrer quoted New York headquarters as estimating the cost of the round trip from New York to Paris at \$750, and said that additional expenses, covering optional sidetrips and stopovers between San Mateo County and New York will amount to about \$250.

Eligible scouts must be approved by their leaders. They must be approved by the New York office, through the services of a single travel agency, because of difficult European travel conditions. Barrer said he plans to accompany the local group abroad.

Eligible scouts may apply through the Burlingame scout headquarters at a future time when further announcements are released by the New York office.

Burglar Has Field Day

Kenneth Eugene Ward, under arrest as the phantom burglar, is alleged to have entered homes in San Bruno, South San Francisco, and Daly City, had his day out Friday. In fact, Ward made appearances in courts of each of these three cities.

As a result, he was held to answer on a burglary charge in Daly City with bail set at \$5000 cash or \$10,000 in bonds. Next he was taken to South San Francisco municipal court and arraigned on a like charge. Bail was set at \$2500 cash or \$5000 bonds. His final court appearance, held before taken to a cell at the county jail, was in San Bruno where \$2500 cash bail was set. Preliminary examination in South San Francisco and San Bruno will be on Jan. 14.

Ward is a member of a prominent San Francisco family.

For Conversion

Thirty-three California permanent housing projects, including South San Francisco's 40-unit "Industrial Village," will be converted to low-cost public housing installations, by decision of the Federal Public Housing Authority, and will be for use by low-income families.

Conversion, which is taking place in 10 other states as well, means that higher income families will have to vacate as soon as they can find other housing.

The decision will return the projects to the local housing authorities, and will revert the units, used in wartime for war workers and military personnel, to their original purpose.

Speeding telephone expansion in dozens of rural areas throughout the West, this new steel wire—developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories—is so strong the number of poles needed can be cut almost in half. This makes for far faster construction.

New steel telephone wires need fewer poles

With other type wires, poles were generally placed less than 250 feet apart. Now, with the new steel wire, the distance can be extended to 400 feet or more. This is only one of many improvements now on the way. Rural users can expect fewer parties on their lines; fewer rings for other parties and the replacement of crank type telephones with modern instruments.

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